



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

Engage, Embrace, Care, Achieve

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Dear Families

Friends of Shipdham School Fund Raising Achievements

I wanted to focus a letter specifically on the work of our FOSS. This small team of parents work endlessly to raise money for the children of our school. Without the FOSS many many projects would not happen and we would not have the pleasure of so many school and community events. Each one of the FOSS team deserves the thanks of the school staff and parents. They are simply amazing!

Who are the FOSS and what do they do?

This small team of parents meet regularly to carry out many duties in their own time, completely voluntarily. From planning each year's school community events, running the events, purchasing stock, ensuring financial paperwork is watertight, banking the funds, purchasing resources for the school and their own events and of course running the FOSS shop in the village.

The core team does a lot of work, plus there are the parents who expand the team during the events. Between them they have raised thousands upon thousands of pounds over the years and continue to do so.

What events do they organise?

If it was not for the FOSS a great number of events would be lost from the school and community calendar and we would all have far less fun! Most of the below events are organised and managed entirely by the FOSS with many other events being fully supported by the FOSS team with food and refreshments and man power!

School Christmas Fair	Games night
School summer Fete	Christmas present shop
Quiz nights	Bags to school
Bingo nights	Sports day
School discos	Drynkings
School Christmas Parties	Great Britain day
Shipdham community yard sale	Children's performances
Mother's and father's day shop	

How much money have they raised and where has it been spent?

All money raised goes towards making school life more interesting, varied and educational for the children... the FOSS have provided a huge number of resources over the years. The list is impressive, the funds raised and spent is even more impressive.

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Total Purchases in the past 3 years; £15,665.47

Play equipment for lunch times £83.94

New Kids Kitchen £2732.32

Parasols for lunchtime £23.96

Wonder room development £ 1391.73

Easter Gifts for each child £41.34

Xmas party £195

SATS refreshments

Playground Painting £129.49

Leavers Tops

2 Gazebos £181.96

12 x Laptops £3385.73

Reading Sheds for outside £750

Christmas Party

Leavers Tops

Five 4k 65inch TV screens for years 2 to 6 and two 65inch touch screens in reception and year 1;
£6000

30 amazing Fire Tablets £750

In order to make such an impressive contribution to the life of the school and wider community the volunteers commit a large number of hours of their free time to the cause.

Can you help?

If you would like to help then please get in touch. The FOSS are a highly active and proactive team that always have a smile on their faces. The events the FOSS organise are hard work but always fun and always successful.

As they say... many hands make light work and I know the team would appreciate more hands in order to make the work at least a little lighter. If you can volunteer a few hours at an event just a few times a year it will make a difference. You do not have to attend all of the meetings or all of the events, every little helps!

Just get in touch and add your name to the growing list of volunteers and the FOSS will get in touch if they need support.

In the meantime, if you see any of the below parents around the school please stop to thank them for everything they do.

Our school benefits from the work of the FOSS team every day.

Mr Madsen

Karen Mason, Jo Brown, Claire Mitchell, Heather Gubb, Charlotte Thomas, Penny Boyce, Emma Moore, Jenny Rice, Helen Holesworth, Vicki Parfitt, Rachel Scase, Aleisje Howes, Karen Kindleysides, Lydia Raven, Sarah Lucken, Heather Crowdy and anyone else who has helped and supported in any way.